

port the Constitution and laws of the State and to discharge the duties imposed upon them by law with fidelity and integrity and to the best of their ability; which oath shall be administered by some one of the acting Justices of the Peace for the county; and every person so elected commissioner as aforesaid, who shall neglect or refuse to qualify and serve as such, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars to said commissioners, who may sue for and recover the same before any Justice of the Peace for said county: *provided, though*, that such suit be brought within six months after such neglect, or refusal, or cause of action occurred.

Sec. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That said Commissioners shall have power, and are hereby authorized to appoint a town Magistrate and constable, if they deem it advisable; and it shall be the duty of the Magistrate so appointed as aforesaid, to see that the laws of the State and the ordinances of the said commissioners are obeyed and enforced within said town; and he shall have power to issue warrants to the town constable or the sheriff, or any constable in the county of Rockingham, founded in complaint to him made, on oath, of a breach of any law or laws relating to said town or any of the ordinances of said commissioners, or brought for the recovery of any penalty or penalties, given by said laws or ordinances for the arrest of the person or persons complained against; and to hear and determine such complaint on the return of the warrants, and to issue execution thereon. The said town magistrate shall also be a peace officer, and shall have, within the limits of the town, all the powers of a justice of the peace and of a constable for the preservation of the public peace, and for the detection, arrest and punishment of offenders; and he is further invested with the same jurisdiction and powers over all offences committed by slaves as is now by law given to a single justice of the peace out of court, under the same rules, regulations and restrictions as are provided in those cases: *Provided, nevertheless*, that it shall and may be lawful in all cases for